GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Sri. C. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, the then Dist. Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam, now Retired - Irregularities in granting Ryothwari patta even though there is an appeal pending under Sec 10 (A) and also set aside the similar orders of District Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam for the land measuring an extent of Ac.4.95 cts in Sy.No. 26/1 of Yendada Village, Visakhapatnam Rural Mandal- Disciplinary proceedings under rule - 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 r/w rule of A.P Revised Pension Rules, 980- Articles of charge - Issued .

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.897 **Dated: 29.09.2023**

Read:

G.O.Ms.No.465 Revenue (Vig.I) Dept., dt: 29.09.2023

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ORDER:

In pursuance to the G.O read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri. C. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, the then Dist. Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam, now Retired in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure- I). A statement of imputations of misconduct / misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-III)

3. Sri. C. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, the then Dist. Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam, now Retired is directed to submit, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri. C. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, the then Dist. Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam, now Retired, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri. C. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, the then Dist. Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam, now Retired is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri. C. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, the then Dist. Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam, now Retired is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed Sri. C. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, the then Dist. Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam, now Retired is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri. C. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, the then Dist. Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam, now Retired (Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri for service and to return the served copy with dated acknowledgement immediately (By RPAD))

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri

Copy to:

The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. C. CHANDRA SEKHAR REDDY, DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT.

Sri. C. Chandra Sekhar Reddy (Retd on 31.10.2020.) the then Dist. Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam during this period of 31.12.2015 to 13.2.2019 he committed irregularity as much as;

ARTICLE OF CHARGE:

That Sri. C. Chandra Sekhar Reddy (Retd.) Dy. Collector while working as Dist. Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam has issued orders dt. 18.10.2016 in the appeal case in S.R.No.1/2013/F3 filed by Sri. Puspati Subbaraju, Maharaja Alakanarayana Society of Arts and Science & Pusapati Annapurnamma against Sri. K.S.Varma & 10 others challenging the orders passed by the RDO and Appellate Authority, Visakhapatnam in appeal case No. 2505/2004 U/s 10-A(2) of AP (AA) inams abolition and conceresion into ryotwari Act 1956 as follows;

"it is held that the predecessor in title of Sri. K.V. Ramaraju (Koragonji family) are in enjoyment of the subject land during the crucial period and K.V. Ramaraju purchased the subject land through document No. 127 dt. 31.1.1953 and the appellants, petitioners Mansas Trust, Pusapati Subbaraju and Pusapati Annapurnamma are not entitled for any relief as the documents filed by the then are not helpful in proving their title. The appellants are never in possession of subject lands and they have not established their possession and title as per the amended Act and not in possession of the subject land hence the appeal petitions filed by the appellants are dismissed and the claim of legal representatives of Sri. K.V. Ramaraju are allowed".

As per the orders of the Commissioner Appeals O/o CCLA. A.P. Mangalagiri, it reveals that the order of the DRO is liable to be set aside on the ground that the subject land belongs to Maharaja of Vizianagaram, but (3) individuals i.e. Sri. Pusapati Subba Raju, Smt. Pusapati Annapurnamma and Sri K.V. Rama Raju and 10 others hatched a plan and made attempts to grab the valuable lands belonging to maharaja of Vizianagaram while producing registered documents. It is well settle law that the fraud vitiates all the solemn acts and such sale deeds are nonest in law and the order of the DRO dt 18.10.2016 granting ryotwari patta in favour of K.V.Rama Raju is not valid. It is evident from the record that Sri Rama Raju has been cultivating the land for 23 years as tenant and hold no right over the property.

The then DRO, Visakhapatnam has issued the said orders in favour of k.V. Ramaraju even though the entire records reveals that the subject property is private personal property of Maharaja. Thus, Sri. C. Chandra Sekhar Reddy (Retd.) the then Dist. Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby, violated the rule 3(1), 3(2) & 3(5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 warranting disciplinary action under A.P.C.S. (CCA) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARCLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. J.DURGA RAVINDRANATH (RETD.) THE THEN TAHSILDAR, VISAKHAPATNAM RURAL MANDAL OF VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

The revision petition orders issued by the Commissioner Appeals, O/o CCLA Dt.20.12.2022, revealed that

(i) there is a dispute regarding the claiming rights over the land situated in Sy.No.26/1 of Yendada village measuring to an extent Ac.4.95 Cts since Inam Abolition Act. The subject land belongs to Maharaja of Vizianagaram. In this issue 4 parties claiming the rights over the said land and the issue is pending at Commissioner Appeals, O/o CCLA under Sec 10 (A)

(ii) At his juncture, the then Tahsildar Visakhapatnam Rural Mandal of Visakhapatnam District has issued orders dt. 11.2.2013 under section 7(1) of the A.P. Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act 1958 granting Ryothwari patta over the land in in Sy. No. 26/1 to an extent of Ac. 4.95 cents which was classified as Ryotwari Dry located at Yendada village of erstwhile Visakhapatnam Taluk and presently Visakhapatnam Rurla Mandal in favour of Sri K.V. Rama Raju represented by LR's during the pendency of appeal under Sec 10 (A) before the DRD Visakhapatnam. Further, the DRO has also issued orders in the appeal .No.2505/2004 u/s 10-A(2) of Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Rytwari)Act, 1956 in favour of the said persons.

(iii) All the officers at different levels, i..e, the then Tahsildar, the then SDT, the then RDO and the then DRO, at different levels have not considered the crucial point that the subject land is a personal grant of Vizianagaram Maharaja without burden of payment of Jodi or rendering service. Thus the lower courts/authorities misdirected in assessing the issue in right perspective vitiating the decision making process and the decisions per-se.

The Commissioner Appeals has issued orders, dt.20.12.2022 that the order of the Tahsildar, Visakhapatnam Rural Mandal, Dt: 11.02.2013 and orders, dt: 18.10.2016 of the District Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam, in grantng ryothwari pata over the land admeasuring Ac. 4.95 Cts in Sy. No. 26/1 of Yendada Villagein favour of KV Rama Raju represented by LR's during the pendency of appeal under sec 10(A) before the DRO, Visakhapatnam is illegal and bad in law both on facts as well as statute hence requires to be set aside; similarly the orders of the District Revenue Officer, Visakhapatnam passed in SR. No. 1/2013/F3, Dt: 18.10.2016 under sec 10(A) of the IA Act is set aside.

He has also stated that the subject land is private property of Maharaja of Vizianagaram and conveyance of the land through Trust deed in favour of MANSAS as valid.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. C. CHANDRA SEKHAR REDDY, DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT. ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Orders dt. 31.1.2013 of the RDO, Visakhapatnam in Appeal case No. 2505/04/C.
2. Orders dt. 11.2.2013 of the Tahsildar, Visakhapatnam Rural Mandal in AIAC No. 07/1977 under Section 7(1) of the A.P. Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari Act 1956.)
3. Orders of the DRO, Visakhapatnam dt 18.10.2016 in S.R.No. 1/2013/13/F3

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITHNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. C. CHANDRA SEKHAR REDDY, DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT. ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

-NIL-

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